

February 4, 2010

To the Chair of the Social Studies or History Department,

Enclosed is a request for the 10th and 11th grade students in your school to participate in an essay contest sponsored by the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania. One of the goals of our organization is to “actively encourage the youth of our Commonwealth to embrace his (Lincoln’s) ideals.” This contest broadens this concept to include students beyond our state’s borders. We feel that this contest provides some unique rewards and recognition for the writer of the winning essay and his or her family. It includes:

- First place consists of a \$300 cash award for both the winner and the winner’s social studies department at school. A two-day Gettysburg Family Vacation Package (for four) during our annual Dedication Day (November 19th) with complimentary meals, tours, and admission to many local attractions.
- Second place consists of a \$200 cash award.
- Third place consists of a \$100 cash award.

The highlight of this experience shall be the winner reading their essay “What the Gettysburg Address Means to Me” at the annual November 19th luncheon of the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania.

We would appreciate your help by inviting the 10th and 11th grade students in your school district to participate in this meaningful contest. Please forward a copy of the rules governing the contest and its rewards to the appropriate person. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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